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Extracts from the Minutes of the first Session of the Tenth General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

[Continued from our last.]

FRIDAY, December 2, 1785. A. M.

A memorial from divers inhabitants of the county of Lancaster was read, setting forth, that considerable sums of money are due to them on certificates given for pay and supplies furnished the army during the late war, and praying the same may be received in payment for lands taken up previous to the revolution; and also suggesting the propriety of dismissing such officers as may be thought unnecessary, and lowering the salaries of the principal officers of government, and thereby lessening the expences of the civil list.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Edward Stiles was read, setting forth, that after an absence of two years and upwards, returning from Bermuda to this port, he was taken and carried into New-York, and had but just returned home a prisoner on parole, and retired to his country seat near Frankford, when the British army entered the city in the year 1777; and his wife remaining in the city, where he had a considerable property, and being desirous to save, if possible, that property, which he was informed was going to destruction, he left his country seat and effects to the care of his servants, and came to Philadelphia, intending to return again as soon as possible; that after his arrival in the city, he was taken sick, and remained a considerable time confined to his chamber; that during his said sickness, a party of Captain Craig's troop broke into and fixed their quarters at his said country seat, and a number of slaves and other considerable personal property were either taken away or destroyed; that some time after he received a notice from the Agents for the sale of confiscated estates, purporting that his negroes were seized by an ordinance of the then Council of Safety, and to be sold, unless redeemed at their valuation before a certain day; that he hath several times applied to the Supreme Executive Council for a restoration or payment of the aforesaid property without effect; therefore praying this House to grant him relief in the premises.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Elizabeth Wilson, widow of Robert Wilson, late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Chester, was read, setting forth, that her said husband, to the great injury of himself and family, accepted of the appointment of Sub-Lieutenant for the said county, and acted under that appointment until his decease, when the petitioner, upon a settlement with the Lieutenant of the county, paid him the balance which was then adjudged to be due; that upon a re-settlement of the accounts by the Comptroller-General, a balance of ninety-nine pounds is declared to be due; that since the aforesaid re-settlement of her said husband's accounts, an act has been passed, allowing an appeal from the determination of the said Comptroller-General, but that doubts had arisen whether an appeal was allowable in cases where accounts had been re-settled previous to the passing the said law; therefore praying this House to order the settlement made by the County Lieutenant to be valid, or allow her trial by jury, agreeably to the constitution of this commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of the Presbyterian congregation of Leacock township, in the county of Lancaster, read in the late House of Assembly, praying to be incorporated, was called up and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the petition of Frederick Mehl, postponed November 21st: Whereupon

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill, conformably to the prayer of his petition.

The petition of Owen Owen, Ebenezer Owen, Thomas Hughes, William Darrach and James Bryan, read November 30th, was read the second time, and committed.

The petitions from divers inhabitants of this state, respecting the shad fisheries in the river Delaware, read November 17th and 22d, were read the second time, and committed.

The petition of Lieutenant-Colonel James Moore, read November 30th, was read the second time, and committed.

A motion was made by Mr. Clymer, seconded by Mr. R. Morris, and adopted as follows, viz.

Whereas frequent applications are made to this House, for acts to confirm titles to lands which have been rendered defective by the loss of deeds and conveyances, and as such confirmatory acts are more properly of a judicial than a legislative nature,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill, empowering the Supreme Court to confirm titles rendered defective, in consequence of deeds lost or defaced.

Ordered, That Messrs. Clymer, Whitehill and Findley, be a committee, to bring in a bill conformably to the foregoing resolution.

The committee appointed November 8th, on the Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council, &c. relative to the disturbances at Wyoming, made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, read November 30th, on the petition of Nicholas Reib, was read the second time: Whereupon

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The House resumed the consideration of the report postponed November 30th, respecting the establishment of certain rules and regulations for obtaining a just and true return of all the taxable inhabitants in the city and several counties of this state, together with the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitehill, and seconded by Mr. Lincoln.

The report is as follows, viz.

Your committee, to whom was referred the motion for appointing a committee, "to bring in a bill to establish certain rules and regulations for obtaining a just and true return of all the taxable inhabitants in the city and several counties of this state," having fully considered that business, beg leave to offer the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to bring in a bill directing the commissioners of the city and several counties in this state to make out a true transcript of the books of assessments, containing the names of the inhabitants and taxable property in each, agreeably to the last assessment, made in pursuance of the funding act passed the 16th day of March, 1785, and to transmit the same to this House on or before the day of under the penalty of five hundred pounds for neglect or refusal of each or any of the commissioners so neglecting or refusing; to the end, that this House may be enabled to appoint a representation for the next seven years, agreeably to the principles laid down in the 17th section of the frame of government of this commonwealth.

The amendment moved to the said report, referred to above, is as follows, viz.---To strike out the words, "the city and several counties in this state to make out a true transcript of the books of assessments, containing the names of the inhabitants and taxable property in each, agreeably to the last assessment, made in pursuance of the funding act passed the 16th day of March, 1785, and to transmit the same to this House on or before the day of under the penalty of five hundred pounds for neglect or refusal of each or any of the commissioners so neglecting or refusing;" in order to insert in lieu thereof, the words "each county within this state to make out, from the books of the last assessment, made in pursuance of the act, entituled "An Act for furnishing the quota of this state, towards paying the annual interest of the debts of the United States; and for funding and paying the interest of the public debts of this state," a just and true transcript of the names of all the taxable inhabitants resident within the same county, and transmit the said transcript to this House, on or before the day of under the penalty of pounds, in case of neglect or refusal thereof."

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Fitzsimons, seconded by Mr. Wayne, To postpone the foregoing report, together with the proposed amendment, in order to introduce the following motion, viz.

Whereas it is declared, by the 17th section of the constitution of this commonwealth, "that representation in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants is the only principle which can at all times secure liberty, and make the voice of the people the law of the land; and that the General Assembly shall cause compleat lists of the taxable inhabitants in the city and each county in the commonwealth, respectively, to be taken and returned to them on or before the last meeting of the Assembly elected in the year 1778, who shall appoint a representation to each, in proportion to the number of taxables in such returns, which representation shall continue for the next seven years afterwards, at the end of which a new return of the taxable inhabitants shall be made, and a representation agreeable thereto appointed by the said Assembly, and so on septennially for ever."

And whereas the term of seven years from the last return will expire with the present, and it is the duty of the present General Assembly to procure a return of the taxable inhabitants of the city and each county of the state, for the purpose aforesaid:

And whereas, by an act passed on the 16th day of March last, it is, among other things, directed, "That the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, and of the other counties respectively, do make return of all and every the taxable inhabitants and single freemen within the respective townships, wards and districts of this commonwealth, together with their trades, professions or occupations, and offices and posts of profit:"

And by the 50th section of the said act, are directed to lay before the present House a true and fair transcript of all the returns of property so to be taken:

And whereas it appears to this House, that the returns so directed to be made will be a proper and sufficient evidence of the taxable inhabitants within this commonwealth:

Therefore, Resolved, That the President and the Supreme Executive Council be directed to procure and lay before this House, at their next session, such of the returns directed by the said act, as may not be made to this House in their present session, in order to enable them to proportion the number of representatives in General Assembly for the next seven years.

And on the question,---"Will the House agree to the postponement, for the purpose aforesaid?"---the Yeas and Nays were called by Mr. Wayne and Mr. Logan, and are as follow, viz.

YEAS. R. Morris, T. Fitzsimmons, G. Clymer, I. Gray, J. Salter, G. Logan, W. Robinson, jun. S. Foulke, J. Thomas, A. Wayne, R. Ralston, J. Moore, T. Bull, J. Hannum, R. Smith, S. Evans, J. Morris, E. Hand, A. Hubley, A. Lowrey, S. J. Atlee, E. Carpenter, H. Miller, D. M'Conaughy, M. Schmyser, P. Gartner, J. Lilly, H. Tyson, D. M'Clellan, A. Eichelberger, P. Trexler, jun. R. Loller, T. Rees. 33.

NAYS. W. Will, J. Irvine, J. Clarke, A. Erwin, J. Smith, R. Whitehill, J. Carothers, F. Watts, J. Creigh, A. Lincoln, N. Lutz, H. Spyker, P. Kreemer, D. Davis, B. Gehr, R. Trail, P. Burkhalter, R. Brown, J. Piper, F. Antes, S. Dale, W. Todd, W. Findley, J. M'Dowell, J. Smiley, J. M'Calmont, A. Smith, J. Rhea, B. Rittenhouse, P. Richards, R. Clark, D. Bradley. 32.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the further consideration of the report postponed.

Thereupon the aforesaid motion was read: Whereupon, on motion made by Mr. Smilie, seconded by Mr. Lincoln,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entituled "An Act for amending the penal laws of this state;" and having been fully debated by paragraphs, the said bill was, on motion of Mr. R. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wayne, reconsidered; and thereupon, on motion made by Mr. Wayne, seconded by Mr. Watts,

Ordered, That the same be re-committed, with the addition of Mr. Logan and Mr. Smilie, for the purpose of consulting the law officers thereon.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

SATURDAY, December 3, 1785. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

An account from Henry Weaver, for his services as messenger to Northumberland on the late contested election of representatives in Assembly for said county, was presented to the Chair, and read; and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and referred to the committee of accounts.

The petition of Donaldson and Coxe, Coxe and Frazier, and John Pringle, read November 22d, was read the second time: Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Wayne and Mr. Fitzsimons, to adopt the following resolution, viz.

"Resolved, That the Supreme Executive Council be authorised, if they think it consistent with the safety and convenience of the state, to lend to Donaldson and Coxe, Coxe and Frazier, and John Pringle, for the purpose of arming their ship, now under sailing orders for the East-Indies, two twelve pounders brass cannon, together with one hundred round and fifty rounds of double headed shot, and to take sufficient security for returning or replacing the same, or to pay the value thereof, within eighteen months from this date."

And on the question,---"Will the House adopt the same?---the Yeas and Nays were called by Mr. Smilie and Mr. Hannum, and are as follow, viz.

YEAS. T. Fitzsimons, G. Clymer, J. Salter, W. Robinson, jun. S. Foulke, A. Wayne, R. Ralston, J. Moore, T. Bull, J. Hannum, R. Smith, S. Evans, J. Morris, E. Hand, A. Hubley, A. Lowrey, S. J. Atlee, E. Carpenter, H. Miller, D. M'Conaughy, M. Schmyser, P. Gartner, J. Lilly, H. Tyson, D. M'Clellan, A. Eichelberger, N. Lutz, P. Kreemer, P. Richards T. Rees. Total 30.

NAYS. J. Irvine, G. Logan, J. Clark, J. Smith, R. Whitehill, J. Carothers, F. Watts, J. Creigh, A. Lincoln, H. Spyker, D. Davis, B. Gehr, T. Mawhorter, P. Trexler, jun. P. Burkhalter, R. Brown, J. Piper, F. Antes, S. Dale, W. Todd, W. Findley, J. M'Dowell, J. Smilie, J. M'Calmont, A. Smith, J. Rhea, R. Loller, A. Orth, R. Clark, D. Krouse, D. Bradley. Total 31.

So it was carried in the negative.

REASONS FOR OUR VOTE.

1st. BECAUSE neither the nature of the case, nor the proposition before the House, admit of the idea, that it is designed to pass a law on this occasion; and yet the application to the Legislature, after the petitioners have failed with the Supreme Executive, supposes that something equivalent to a law is necessary: and we are decided, that for this House to legislate by sudden resolve, not published for the consideration of our constituents, would be a flagrant violation of the 15th section of the Frame of Government; and such we find to be the sense of the Council of Censors. We are of opinion, that if such summary and informal proceedings in the legislature of this state, as the present, were not opposed to the constitution, yet, as they are more especially capable of abuse in a single House of Assembly, they ought to be most carefully avoided in Pennsylvania.

2d. Because, If particular persons could be gratified by the enacting of laws in the most formal manner for such purposes, yet, as the goods and treasure of the commonwealth would thereby be squandered, we resist the first approach to such an evil; for there are multitudes in the state, who would be apt to suppose that the claim of each of them in particular upon the generosity of the House is equal, if not superior, to that of the present petitioners; and we are confident, that no community whatsoever would submit to be taxed to support such misapplications, as it is manifest that such favours can be granted only to a few favorites; a limitation, however it may be in the power of an absolute monarch to maintain, is impossible in a democracy, where all stand upon an equality, and claim equal rights. If then an improper precedent should be set, of distributing the public property among the citizens, there would soon be an end of the goods and treasure of the state.

3d. Because, That we, as trustees of the interest of our constituents, have no right to be generous at their expence; and besides, if it were otherwise, we should be just, before there is opportunity for generosity to operate. The state is in debt, and debts should be paid in the first place.

4th. Because, That if it were consistent with our duty, as faithful guardians of the rights of the people, to listen to such demands as the present, yet we should be far from consenting to part with the smallest number of the few pieces of field ordnance remaining to this state, whilst a very important articles of the late treaty of peace between the Untited States of America and his Britannic majesty, to wit, the giving up to Congress the north western posts, has not been executed by him, and whilst the nation, of which he is the head, still discovers a very inimical temper towards this country.

Robert Whitehill,	James M'Calmont,
John Smith,	John Smilie,
John Clark,	Abraham Smith,
Adam Orth,	John Rhea,
John Creigh,	Frederick Watts,
David Krouse,	Wiliam Todd,
Robert Clark,	Wiliam Findley,
John M'Dowell,	Samuel Dale.
John Piper,	

The report of the committee, read yesterday, on the message from the President and Supreme Executive Council, &c. relative to the disturbances at Wyoming, was read the second time.

Ordered, That Tuesday next be assigned for debating the same.

The report of the committee read December 1st, on the petitions for and against extending the market in High-street, in the city of Philadelphia, was read the second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, entituled "An Act to regulate the trials of controverted elections, or returns of members to serve in the General Assembly of this commonwealth," was read the second time, and in part debated by paragraphs, and the further consideration thereof postponed,

The bill, entituled "An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian congregation in Donegal township, in the county of Lancaster," was read the second time, debated by paragraphs, and ordered to be printed for public consideration.

Adjourned until Monday next at ten o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 5, 1785. A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A petition from John Cam, in behalf of himself and others, non-commissioned officers and privates late of the state navy, was read, praying to be allowed the depreciation on their pay.

Ordered to lie on the table,

Petitions signed by 301 of the freemen and electors of the city and liberties of Philadelphia were read, praying that the election law may be revised, and such amendments made therein as may remove unnecessary embarrasments, and afford full time to all the electors to vote freely. Ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of the members of the congregation of Leacock township, in the county of Lancaster, read December 2d, was read the second time.

Ordered, That they have leave to bring in a bill, conformably to the prayer of their petition.

On motion made by Mr. Fitzsimons, seconded by Mr. J. Irvine,

Ordered, That the members of the city and county of Philadelphia be a committee to visit the goal of the said city and county, to inspect the situation of the prisoners confined therein, and report thereon to this House.

The committee appointed December 1st, on the petition of the members of the Mutual Assurance Company, for insuring houses from loss by fire, made report, which was read; and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time: Whereupon

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill, conformably to the prayer of their petition.

The committee of accounts, to whom was referred, December 3d, the account of Henry Weaver, made report, which was read; and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time: Whereupon

Resolved, That the President, or Vice-President and the Supreme Executive Council, be authorised to draw on the State Treasurer for nineteen pounds and three-pence, in favour of the said Henry Weaver.

The committee, to whom were referred, November 25th, 28th

and 30th, the memorial of the committee of the merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, and the memorials from ſundry inhabitants, praying for an additional impoſt upon nails and bar iron imported into this ſtate, made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Houſe reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee, on the petitions of divers inhabitants of the county of Bedford, praying Aughwick creek may be declared a public highway.

It was moved by Mr. Piper, ſeconded by Mr. Smilie, To poſtpone the further conſideration of the ſaid report, in order to introduce a motion, for the purpoſe of tranſmitting to the Prothonotary of Bedford county a copy of ſaid petitions, to be by him publiſhed, in order that the perſons concerned may ſhew cauſe, if any they have, why the prayer of the ſaid petitions ſhould not be granted.

Which was carried in the affirmative, and the aforeſaid motion was preſented to the chair and read: Whereupon,

On motion made by Mr. Whitehill, ſeconded by Mr. A. Smith,

Ordered, That the further conſideration of the ſaid motion be poſtponed.

The report of the committee, read November 23d, on the petitions of Andrew Bunner and others, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered, That the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

On motion made by Mr. Fitzſimons, ſeconded by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That Wedneſday next be aſſigned for the further conſideration of the bill, entituled "An Act to regulate the trials of controverted elections, or returns of members to ſerve in the General Aſſembly of this commonwealth."

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

TUESDAY, December 6, 1785. A. M.

The Houſe met purſuant to adjournment.

A petition from divers inhabitants of the northernmoſt parts of the county of Montgomery, and of part of the counties of Northampton and Berks, was read, ſetting forth the great difficulty and danger they are ſubjected to in croſſing Great Swamp creek, in Marlborough townſhip, in Montgomery county, and ſtating the inability of the inhabitants of the ſaid townſhip to build a bridge over the ſaid creek; therefore praying an act may be paſſed, authoriſing and eſtabliſhing a lottery for that purpoſe.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of accounts, to whom were referred, November 21ſt, the petition of William M'Culloch, William Crabb and Henry Moore, made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed November 28th, on the petition of divers inhabitants of the county of Northampton, relative to laying out a road from the Water-Gap of the river Lehigh to Wyoming, made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, of December 3d, the Houſe proceeded to debate the report of the committee reſpecting the diſturbances at Wyoming, which having been read as follows, viz.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the meſſage from Council, which reſpected the diſturbances at Wyoming, together with the memorial from ſundry inhabitants of Northampton county, and other papers on that ſubject, report------

That conſidering the buſineſs ſo referred to be of high importance, they have paid particular attention thereto, and find,

That there has long and does ſtill ſubſiſt in that diſtrict a ſpirit of licentiouſneſs and diſobedience, highly injurious to the honor of the ſtate, and prejudicial to many of the good citizens thereof.

They are further of opinion, that all offenders againſt the peace and good order of the government ſhould be called to account for their tranſgeſſions, and that the peaceable citizens ſhould be protected in their lives and property.

They are nevertheleſs deſirous that where lenity is likely to reclaim, it ſhould be tried before coercion, and therefore ſubmit the following reſolution:

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed, to bring in a bill, granting pardon and indemnity for all tranſgreſſions committed againſt the peace of the commonwealth, on or before the day of by any of the inhabitants of Northampton or Northumberland counties, on account or by reaſon of the diſpute between the people called Connecticut claimants, and other citizens of this ſtate; provided that every ſuch offender ſurrender himſelf at the court-houſe of the county wherein he reſides, on the day of and there enter into recognizance, with one ſurety, for his good behaviour for twelve months then next enſuing.

And that the Preſident and Supreme Executive Council be directed to employ ſo many of the militia of this commonwealth, and for ſo long a time as they may judge neceſſary for duly enforcing the laws in the counties aforeſaid, and for bringing to juſtice all ſuch offenders as may refuſe or neglect to comply with the terms here propoſed; and that they be authoriſed to draw on the State Treaſurer, for a ſum not exceeding pounds, for the purpoſes aforeſaid.

The committee recommend a repeal of ſo much of the act paſſed the ninth day of September, 1783, as confirms the appointment of Magiſtrates in the diſtricts of Shawaneſe, Stoke and Wyoming.

It was moved by Mr. Whitehill, ſeconded by Mr. Thomas,

To poſtpone the further conſideration of the ſaid report, in order to introduce, in lieu thereof, the following motion, viz.

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed, to bring in a bill for the granting of a general pardon and indemnity, as to all offences whatſoever, to the inhabitants of the townſhips of Wyoming, Stoke and Shawaneſe, in the county of Northumberland, and to all other perſons within the ſame county, who, claiming to hold and occupy lands under grants of the ſtate of Connecticut in the county of Northampton, have diſowned the government, and oppoſed the execution of the laws of this commonwealth; provided, that each and every of the male perſons, chargeable with breaches of the peace, or other miſdemeanors and offences as aforeſaid, do, on or before the day of next, appear before one or more of the Juſtices of the Peace of either of the counties aforeſaid, and that he become bound by recognizance to the commonwealth, with one or more ſureties, for his good behaviour for one year from the taking ſuch recognizance; and that the Preſident and Supreme Executive Council be enabled and directed, if need be, to draw out and employ ſuch and ſo many of the militia of this commonwealth, for ſuch time as they ſhall deem fitting to enforce and ſupport the execution of the laws in the townſhips thereof aforeſaid, and in the county adjoining the ſame townſhips, by aiding the Sheriff and other civil officers, in like manner as the *poſſe commitatus* of the proper county ought to do; and that the Preſident and Supreme Executive Council be authoriſed to draw orders on the Treaſurer of this commonwealth for ſuch ſums of money, for the purpoſe aforeſaid, not exceeding the ſum of the ſame to be paid out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the ſaid Treaſurer; and that ſo much of the act of Aſſembly, entituled "An Act for the repeal of an act, entituled "An Act to prevent and ſtay ſuits brought againſt the inhabitants of Wyoming during the times therein mentioned, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned," paſſed on the tenth day of September, 1783, as confirms the election, and directs the appointment of Juſtices of the Peace for the county of Northumberland, upon elections holden in the two diſtricts therein mentioned.

And on the queſtion---"Will the Houſe agree to the poſtponement, for the purpoſe aforeſaid?" it was carried in the negative.

Whereupon the Houſe proceeded to the conſideration of the foregoing report, and having fully conſidered the ſame;

On the queſtion---"Will the Houſe adopt the ſame?" it was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Meſſrs. R. Morris, Miller and Loller, be a committee, to bring in a bill conformably to the foregoing report.

The committee appointed November 29th, for the purpoſe, reported a bill, entituled "An Act for ſecuring to this commonwealth the fidelity and allegiance of the ſubjects thereof, and for admitting certain perſons to the rights of citizenſhip," which was read the firſt time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 1785. A. M.

The Houſe met purſuant to adjournment.

A petition from ſundry perſons, formerly creditors of Lewis Nicola, Eſq; was read, ſetting forth, that in the year 1775, the ſaid Lewis Nicola, Eſq; from the diſtractions of the times, which prevented his recovering ſundry debts due to him, and other cauſes, was not able to ſatisfy all his creditors, nor had he the means during the courſe of the war; but when, after the peace, the accounts of the army were ſettled, and certificates given, he, deſirous to do the beſt in his power for his creditors, gave them certificates in his own name, or others procured from the Treaſury of the United States in exchange for ſome of his own, in the names of the reſpective creditors, which certificates were received for the full value expreſſed in them, which the ſubſcribers, for themſelves and a few more creditors, apprehend gave them a juſt title to draw the intereſt due or to become due on them, they proving, by the teſtimony of ſaid Lewis Nicola, that they obtained ſuch certificates in the manner above related; therefore praying the Houſe to take the premiſes into conſideration, and to make ſuch proviſion therein as ſhall ſeem juſt.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The memorial and petition of divers non-reſident owners of land in the townſhips of Wyoming, Stoke and Shawaneſe, poſſeſſed by and contiguous to the ſettlements of the Connecticut claimants in the county of Northumberland, read in the late Houſe of Aſſembly, September 13th laſt, was called up and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Robert Robinſon, read November 30th, was read the ſecond time, and committed.

The petition of Nathaniel Galt, read November 29th, was read the ſecond time, and committed.

The petition of John Weitzel, read November 29th, was read the ſecond time, and committed.

The committee appointed November 30th, on the petition from divers freemen, inhabitants of the county of Cheſter, praying for a repeal of the act, entituled "An Act to ſuſpend an act of General Aſſembly of this commonwealth, entituled "A Supplement to an act, entituled "An Act to enable William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilſon and Joſeph Davis, to build a new court-houſe and priſon in the county of Cheſter, and ſell the old court-houſe and priſon in the borough of Cheſter," made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, read December 5th, was read the ſecond time, and adopted as follows, viz.

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the committee of merchants of the city of Philadelphia, together with the memorials from ſundry inhabitants, praying for an additional impoſt upon nails and bar iron imported into this ſtate, report----

That the additional duties impoſed by the act of the 20th day of September laſt upon wines and fruit, the growth of the territories of Portugal, if ſuffered to take effect, will in their opinion be the means of depriving this ſtate of a market for a very conſiderable part of its product, and that ſo much of the act aforeſaid, as impoſes theſe duties, ought to be repealed:

That it has been ſtated to the committee, that not leſs than 300 tons of nails have been imported into this ſtate within twelve months laſt paſt, which, at a moderate computation, is worth nineteen thouſand three hundred pounds; and that, with proper encouragement, the whole quantity neceſſary for the conſumption of the ſtate may in a ſhort time be made here; and as the principal materials are the product of the ſtate, almoſt the whole of that ſum may be ſaved to the commonwealth:

That with reſpect to bar iron, it appears that a ſufficient quantity may be made in the ſtate, not only for its particular uſe, but a large overplus for exportation; but that by the large importations lately made, the price is ſo much reduced as to diſable the owners of forges to go on with their buſineſs: Your committee, however, viewing bar iron as neceſſary to the agriculture and manufactures of the ſtate, are doubtful of the propriety of impoſing a tax upon the importation thereof at this time; and therefore recommend the following reſolution, viz.

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed, to bring in a bill for repealing ſo much of the act paſſed on the 20th of September laſt, entituled "An Act to encourage and protect the manufactures of this ſtate, by laying additional duties on the importation of certain manufactures which interfere with them," as impoſes an additional duty upon wines and fruits, the growth of the iſlands or colonies of Portugal; and to impoſe an additional duty of one penny per pound on all nails or ſpikes imported into this ſtate after the day of

Ordered, That Meſſrs. Fitzſimons, Clymer and Carothers, be a committee, to bring in a bill conformably to the foregoing reſolution.

The Houſe reſumed the conſideration of the motion poſtponed December 2d, reſpecting the mode for obtaining a juſt and true return of all the taxable inhabitants within the city and ſeveral counties of this ſtate.

Moved by Mr. Whitehill, and ſeconded by Mr. Lincoln, to poſtpone the further conſideration of the ſaid motion, in order that he, Mr. Whitehill, may read in his place a bill, entituled "An Act to aſcertain the number of taxable inhabitants within the city of Philadelphia, and within each of the counties of this commonwealth, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned."

And on the queſtion,---"Will the Houſe agree to the poſtponement of the ſaid motion, for the above purpoſe?" it was carried in the affirmative.

Thereupon Mr. Whitehill, in his place, read the aforeſaid bill, and, having obtained leave, preſented the ſame to the Chair, when it was read the firſt time at the table, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Houſe proceeded to debate the bill, entituled "An Act to regulate the trials of controverted elections, or returns of members to ſerve in the General Aſſembly of this commonwealth," and after ſome debate had thereon, the further conſideration was poſtponed.

On motion made by Mr. R. Morris, and ſeconded by Mr. Hand,

Ordered, That Tueſday next be aſſigned for a ſecond reading of the bill, entituled "An Act for ſecuring to this commonwealth the fidelity and allegiance of the ſubjects thereof, and for admitting certain perſons to the rights of citizenſhip."

Adjourned until half an hour after nine o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

THURSDAY, December 8, 1785. A. M.

The Houſe met purſuant to adjournment.

A petition and memorial from the Juſtices of the Peace, the Grand Jury, Commiſſioners and inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, was read, ſetting forth, that they have for a long time beheld with great concern that the laws and government of this ſtate have been trampled upon by a number of evil diſpoſed perſons at Wyoming; that the civil officers have in vain attempted to exerciſe their ſeveral powers, the public taxes cannot be levied, and that the good citizens of this ſtate have been abuſed and driven from their ſettlements; and praying this Houſe to take the ſame into conſideration, and to grant ſuch ſpeedy relief as the neceſſity of the occaſion requires. Ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of John Cam, in behalf of himſelf and others, read December 5th, was read the ſecond time, and committed.

The petition of John Brown and Hannah Brown, read November 26th, was read the ſecond time, and committed.

The committee appointed November 28th, on the petition of John Stephens, made report, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from William Auguſtus Patterſon was read, ſetting forth, that he acted in different capacities in the armies of the United States during the late war; that for fifteen months ſervice, as Engineer in Colonel Procter's regiment, he never received any pay, owing to his not having been entered on the books of the ſaid regiment as an officer; and praying this Houſe to grant him relief in the premiſes. Ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee, read December 6th, on the petitions of William M'Culloch, William Crabb and Henry Moore, was read the ſecond time: Whereupon

Reſolved, That the Preſident and Supreme Executive Council be authoriſed to draw on the State Treaſurer, in favour of William Crabb and Henry Moore, for four pounds ten ſhillings each, for their attendance as witneſſes in a conteſted election, held at Garber's mill; and in favour of William M'Culloch, for ſeven pounds ten ſhillings, for his attendance as a witneſs on the ſame election.

The report of the committee, read December 6th, on the petition of divers inhabitants of Northampton county, praying a road may be laid out from the Water-Gap of the river Lehigh to Wyoming, was read the ſecond time, and the further conſideration thereof poſtponed.

The committee appointed yeſterday, for the purpoſe, reported a bill, entituled "A Supplement to the act, entituled "An act to encourage and protect the manufactures of this ſtate, by laying additional duties on the importation of certain manufactures which interfere with them," which was read the firſt time, and Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entituled "An Act for the incorporating the congregation of the Proteſtant Epiſcopal church, commonly called Bangor church, and ſchool, in Church-town, Carnarvon townſhip, and county of Lancaſter," was read the ſecond time, debated by paragraphs, and ordered to be printed for public conſideration.

The bill, entituled "An Act for removing the Proteſtant Epiſcopal chapel of St. Thomas, in Carnarvon townſhip, Berks county, and for incorporating the congregation thereof," was read the ſecond time, debated by paragraphs, and ordered to be printed for public conſideration.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 9, 1785. A. M.

The Houſe met purſuant to adjournment.

A petition from divers inhabitants of the county of Berks was read, praying that the late law for regulating the fiſheries in the river Schuylkill may not be repealed.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entituled "An Act to aſcertain the number of taxable inhabitants within the city of Philadelphia, and within each of the counties of this commonwealth, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned," which was read the firſt time December 7th, was read the ſecond time; and in debating the following paragraph, viz.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſame liſts of taxable inhabitants ſhall be taken from the aſſeſſments which ſhall be taken and formed upon the returns to be made to the commiſſioners of the ſeveral counties of this ſtate, by the aſſeſſors of each townſhip, ward and diſtrict therein, in purſuance of their warrant to be iſſued on or immediately after the firſt day of January next, as directed in and by an act of Aſſembly, entituled "An Act for furniſhing the quota of this ſtate, towards paying the annual intereſt of the debts of the United States, and for funding and paying the intereſt of the public debts of this ſtate," after the appeal allowed from the ſaid aſſeſſments to the inhabitants of the reſpective county ſhall be holden and ended, and the ſaid aſſeſſments ſhall be confirmed and regulated, accordingly to the allowances and exonerations then given.

It was moved by Mr. Wayne, ſeconded by Mr. R. Morris, to ſtrike out, after the words "ſhall be taken from the aſſeſſments which," the words "ſhall be taken and," in order to inſert, in lieu thereof, the words "have been;" and to ſtrike out, after the words "formed upon the returns," the words "to be;" and after the words "of their warrant," the words "to be;" and after the words "the firſt day of," the words "January next," in order to inſert, in lieu thereof, the words "June laſt."

And on the queſtion,---Will the Houſe agree to the ſame?---it was determined in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Fitzſimons, and ſeconded by Mr. Evans.---To ſtrike out from the words "taxable inhabitants ſhall be taken," until the words "be after the appeal," in order to inſert, in lieu thereof, the words from the laſt aſſeſſments which ſhall have been taken and formed upon the returns made to the commiſſioners of the city and of the ſeveral counties of this ſtate, by the aſſeſſors of each townſhip, ward and diſtrict therein."

And on the queſtion,---Will the Houſe agree to the ſame?"---it was determined in the negative.

Moved by Mr. R Morris, and ſeconded by Mr. Clymer,---To poſtpone the further conſideration of the ſaid bill.

And on the queſtion,---Will the Houſe poſtpone the ſame?"---it was determined in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Wayne, and ſeconded by Mr. R. Morris,---To poſtpone the paragraph under conſideration, in order to introduce, in lieu thereof, the following, viz.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the commiſſioners of the city of Philadelphia, and of each county within this commonwealth, ſhall, and they are hereby enjoined and required to meet, at ſuch convenient time and place as they may appoint, and ſhall make out a true and exact liſt of all and every of the taxable inhabitants in each townſhip, ward or diſtrict in the ſaid city, and each of the ſaid counties, according to the return next before the time of the ſaid meeting to them made by the aſſiſtant aſſeſſors of the townſhips, wards or diſtricts of the ſaid city, and of each of the ſaid reſpective counties; and ſhall certify the number and names of the ſaid taxable inhabitants within the ſaid city and counties reſpectively, under their hands and ſeals, or under the hands and ſeals of any two of them for the ſaid city and for each county; and ſhall deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, the ſaid liſts to the General Aſſembly, at or before the expiration of ten days after the beginning of the next ſitting of the ſaid Aſſembly: And in order to prevent any undue practices in making out the ſaid returns and certificates, the ſaid commiſſioners, or ſo many of them as ſhall certify the ſaid returns, ſhall, before ſome Juſtice of the Peace of the proper county, make oath or affirmation (which ſuch Juſtice is hereby required and impowered to adminiſter, and certify under his hand and ſeal, underneath each of the ſaid certificates) that the liſt of taxable inhabitants by them made out is juſt and true, according to the beſt of their knowledge and belief.

And on the queſtion,---"Will the Houſe agree to the poſtponement, for the aforeſaid purpoſe?"---the Yeas and Nays were called by Mr. Wayne and Mr. Hubley, and are as follow, viz.

YEAS. R. Morris, T. Fitzſimons, G. Clymer, I. Gray, J. Salter, G. Logan, W. Robinſon, jun. S. Foulke, A. Wayne, R. Ralſton, J. Moore, J. Hannum, R. Smith, S. Evans, J. Morris, E. Hand, A. Hubley, A. Lowrey, S. J. Atlee, E. Carpenter, J. Work, H. Miller, D. M'Conaughy, M. Schmyſer, P. Gartner, J. Lilly, H. Tyſon, D. M'Clellan, A. Eichelberger, T. Rees. Total 30.

NAYS. J. Irvine, J. Clark, A. Erwin, J. Smith, J. Thomas, R. Whitehill, J. Carothers, F. Watts, J. Creigh, A. Lin-

coln, N. Lutz, H. Spyker, P. Kreemer, D. Davis, B. Gehr, T. Mawhorter, R. Trail, P. Trexler, jun. P. Burkhalter, R. Brown, J. Piper, F. Antes, S. Dale, W. Todd, W. Findley, J. M'Dowell, J. Smilie, J. M'Calmont, A. Smith, J. Rhea, B. Rittenhouse, P. Richards, A. Orth, R. Clark, D. Krouse. Total 35.

So it was determined in the negative.

Whereupon, the said bill having been fully debated by paragraphs,

Ordered, That it be transcribed, and in the mean time printed for public consideration.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

[To be continued.]

FALMOUTH, *January 7.*

On Wednesday the 4th inst. met in Convention at Falmouth by their Delegates, a respectable number of Towns in the Counties of York, Cumberland, and Lincoln, to take into consideratian the expediency of their being erected into a separate State: And having chosen their proper officers, and examined the returns, they proceeded to choose a committee of nine of their members to draw up a state of the grievances those Counties labour under.

The committee reported; and the Convention having adopted such articles as were approved of by them, and passed such other votes as were agreeable to them, they adjourned to the first Wednesday in September next, then to meet in general Convention, to consult the public good.

The business being agreeably accomplished, they took a cordial leave of each other, wishing prosperity to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the growing and increasing union of the Counties of York, Cumberland, and Lincoln; Redress of grievances, and harmony throughout the Commonwealth.

What could the late Convention have done more than they have, and not have done too much? or less, and not have done too little? They could not, with any degree of propriety, have taken decisive measures, towards obtaining a redress of grievances, owing to the smallness of their number, not more than half of the incorporated towns in the three Counties being represented, and not so great a proportion of the plantations---On the other hand, had they been dissolved, without stating our grievances, the people would undoubtedly have been left to groan under their present burdens, without any, or none but a distant prospect of relief.---They have modestly said *we are aggrieved*---but the mode of redress they have as modestly left to the determination of a future and more full Convention---recommending only to the people a full representation in September next, the time to which they have adjourned.---As to a separatibn, it is true, they have not been silent; but from their proceedings we know but little more of their minds on that subject, than if they had done nothing.---They have conducted as became them---left that, left all to the People.

Agreeably to adjournment, the town met on Monday last to receive the report of their committee, appointed to *instruct* their Delegates in the late Convention.---The instructions were read and accepted, with this small, tho' *consistent* addition, viz. *that the town tho't proper further to instruct them not to attend the said Convention at all! ! !*

"*Falmouth, January 2, 1786.*

"This morning, at about 25 minutes past 7, we were alarmed with a smart shock of an Earthquake; two smaller ones, some say, preceded in the last night. The noise, which appeared within doors much like that of a burning chimney, lasted, as near as I can judge, about 20 seconds. It appeared greatest at the beginning, and gradually abated, till it became undiscernible. The shaking was so great as to make a clattering of moveables in the houses, and lasting for several seconds. The vibrations of the earth seemed by these effects to be rather perpendicular than horizontal. The course of it is said to have been from West to East.

"It is undoubtedly the greatest Earthquake that has happened in this country since that in November, 1755. As that was observed to quicken many to attend to their spiritual concerns, may this produce similar effects. When we consider the dreadful scenes that have been caused in the world by Earthquakes, nothing is more truly alarming than the convulsions of the earth under us, threatening an instantaneous destruction. But let us be prepared for eternal happiness:

"Then, if the frame of nature round us break,
In hideous ruin and confusion hurl'd;
We, unconcerned, may bear the mighty shock,
And stand secure amidst the falling world."

CHARLESTOWN *(Massachusetts) Jan.* 13.

We hear from Salem, that the following disastrous accident happened there on Monday last:---Mr. Joseph Loring, a young man of that place, by trade a cooper, put a hand-grenade (supposing it to be a solid iron shot) into the fire, to heat, in order to apply to some ice which he had occasion to dissolve; but the grenade bursting, as he took it out, it wounded him in so shocking a manner, as entirely to deprive him of his left hand, and the middle finger of his right---rendering considerable injury, also, to other parts of his body. His misfortune is the more to be lamented, as his bodily strength, his activity and industry in business, joined to an intelligent, steady mind, seemed to mark him out for a very useful member of society. We are happy to hear, that his wounds are in as good a way as can be expected; and doubt not that the affluent and humane will endeavour to enable him still to perform the duties of his sphere, with credit to himself, and advantage to the community.

We hear, the schooner Penelope, Captain --------, arrived at Cape-Ann, on Wednesday, from St. Eustatia, after a long and uncomfortable passage, in which she suffered much by stress of weather. Her cargo is said to consist chiefly of coffee.

Several other vessels, we also hear, have arrived at the same port from different parts, destined for Boston.

NEW-YORK, *January 25.*

After the example of Frankland, the eastern counties of Massachusetts Bay are attempting to raise their crests, and demand a separation----for which purpose a convention from the different towns are to meet to discuss the momentous matter---A solecism truly ridiculous, and without a definitive stop is shortly put to its baneful influence, it will become epidemic, and be diffused through the states.

A very sovereign antidote has been lately discovered for that dreadful malady the LOCK-JAW, which has proved mortal to so many of the human species, and baffled the arts of all the sons of Galen. It is electricity, the powerful effects of which was recently experienced to the eastward, by a young woman languishing with all the symptoms of a speedy dissolution.

The scarcity of cash in the United States will, like other evils, bring forth good, oblige us to think seriously of manufactures, and check that cacoethes from foreign superfluities which now is rampant in this country.

A crowded goal, from many late failures, it is supposed, will move the Legislature to bring forward a Bankrupt bill this session.

We are told that the insult lately offered Governor Bowdoin, by Captain Stanhope, will be considered nationally, and resented as such.

PHILADELPHIA, *February 1.*

*** BREAD for the Poor to be delivered at the Court-House TO-MORROW, the 2d Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Extract of a letter from Messieurs Scott, Pringle and Co. of Madeira, to Messieurs Willing, Morris and Swanwick, of this city, dated Madeira, December 5, 1785.

"Your brigantine Richmond, Captain Perryman, arrived here yesterday, who passed the island and returned from the eastward after a most tedious passage indeed---however, we thank God that he is safe, especially as we had been much alarmed on his account, a small squadron of four sail of Moorish vessels having been for some days on our coast---one of them (the Portuguese being now at peace with the Moors, although at war with the Algerines) anchored in this port the day before yesterday; and your brigantine passed by another yesterday morning, at no great distance, when she came in just off the port: but as she kept close in shore, and shewed no colours, the Moor took no notice of her: luckily she had spoke the evening before with a boat, who told her of the Moor being on the coast.

"Soon after your brigantine anchored, the Moor he had passed came also to anchor, being the Commodore's ship---the other two are cruizing to the westward, and generally in sight---they are twelve days out from Mogadore, and are to cruize, they say, for some time about this island, and from hence to the Azores---having this opportunity to Virginia, we would not neglect to give you this information for your intelligence, and that of the commerce in general, and underwriters of your city.----A Boston brigantine, the Polly, Captain ------, was on her departure, but stops till these Rovers leave us---there are no more American vessels here at present."

*** A stated meeting of the AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY will be held at the University, next FRIDAY Evening, at Six o'Clock.

Feb. 1, 1786. ROBERT PATTERSON, Secretary.

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY for PROMOTING AGRICULTURE will meet at Carpenters Hall, at 7 o'clock, on Tuesday evening, the 7th of February next. The Society are then to decide on two claims for premiums, being the second and third of those proposed last year; and to agree on the premiums to be proposed for the ensuing year. At least thirteen members must be present. TIM. PICKERING, Secretary.

Philadelphia, January 28, 1786.

N. B. The stated meetings of the Society are henceforward to be on the first Tuesday of every month.

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LOST, supposed to be stolen out of the subscriber's house, in Callowhill-street, in the Northern Liberties, a quarto stitch'd MEMORANDUM BOOK, containing a few sheets of Writing Paper, covered with Loaf-sugar Wrapping Paper, formerly in the possession of Peter Rue, deceased, in which were inserted several Memorandums of consequence to his surviving partner (the subscriber.) Any person, who will deliver the above Book to the subscriber, shall have SIX POUNDS Reward, and, on conviction of the thief, shall have the above reward.

Jan. 31, 1786. PETER SOUDER.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of SUSANNAH FISHER, deceased, late Executrix to the estate of Jonathan Paschall, of Kingsess, are, for the last time, requested to make payment to the subscriber; and all persons, having any demands against said estate, are desired to bring them in, properly attested.

STEPHEN PASCHALL, jun. Administrator.

Darby township, Chester county, first month 25th, 1786.

To be SOLD or LETT,

And entered on in the spring,

A VALUABLE GRIST-MILL, with two pair of stones, one of which is burrs, situate on Darby creek, about two miles from a landing on said creek, and 8 or 9 from Philadelphia, with about 6 acres of land and three houses thereon, a young orchard and divers other fruit trees. The improvements are nearly new and in good repair. For terms, apply to the subscriber, on the premises. ¶ MORRIS TRUMAN.

WAS committed to this Goal, about the last of December, a Mulatto MAN, who calls himself WILLIAM DEMAR; had on when committed an old light coloured cloth coat, grey waistcoat, and old white cloth breeches, old woollen stockings, strong leather shoes, and is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high. His master if any he has, is hereby notified to come, prove his property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be discharged in three weeks from the date hereof, on paying his fees.

THOMAS TAYLOR, Goaler.

Chester, January 27, 1786. ¶

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January 26, 1786. ¶ THOMAS BISHOP.

To be SOLD at Public Sale,

AT JOHN RUTLEDGE'S, on the Premises, the 9th day of March next, being the fifth day of the week, either together or in lots of two or three hundred acres, a tract of LAND, called Good Will Purchased again, situate in Harford county, in the state of Maryland, 20 miles from Baltimore town, near the upper Cross Roads, containing 1552 and an half acres. It is mostly good wheat land, well watered, and a quantity of good meadow is and may be made on several of the lots; each of which has a proportion of wood-land. There are several buildings, and orchards on it, and the whole is well fenced, and its vicinity to Baltimore will render it very valuable. The purchase money to be paid in seven equal yearly payments, the purchasers giving satisfactory security, and paying the interest annually. A draught of the land, divided into lots, may be seen at John Rutledge's on the premises, who will shew the land to any person desirous of viewing it. CHARLES JERVIS, Attorney

January 18, 1786. to Ann Pemberton.

Burlington, December 30. 1785.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of JOSEPH ELLIS, late of the City of Burlington, deceased, are requested to produce the same to the subscriber, in order for settlement; and all persons indebted to the said JOSEPH ELLIS, are desired to settle their several accounts with

¶ JOHN HOW, Administrator.

On Fifth Day, the 23d day of February next, will be exposed to SALE, by way of PUBLIC VENDUE, by the subscriber, living on the Premises,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION or TRACT of LAND, containing about 160 acres or upwards, situate in the township of Williston, in Chester county; there is on said Plantation a commodious stone dwelling-house, having three rooms on the lower floor, and four on the upper, with four chimney places in the house, cellars under the whole, with convenient vaults in the same, a stone spring-house, barn and other out-houses, about 12 acres of watered meadow, and more may be made, the plowland fertile and good, properly divided into fields, with water in each; about one-third part of the premises is woodland well timbered; there are about 100 bearing apple and other fruit trees. The whole in good tenantable repair, lying on the main road leading from the Great Valley to Chester, being about 12 miles distant from Chester, and 20 from Philadelphia, and convenient to several places of worship of different denominations. The title indisputable, and the premises may be entered on the ensuing spring. ¶ DANIEL YARNALL.

N. B. The Sale to begin at 2 o'clock. Jan. 25, 1786.

WAS Found on the evening of Monday, the 9th inst. about nine o'clock, in Front-street between Arch and Race-streets, A SILVER WATCH. Any person, proving property and paying charges, may have the same, by applying to JACOB SOUDER, Bricklayer, in the Northern-Liberties. January 30. 1786.

WHEREAR WILLIAM DERAH, of Bedminster township, in Bucks county, hath obtained a Note on the subscriber for the sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings, bearing date January the 10th or 11th, and due the 1st day of February next: This is to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on said Note, as it hath been fradulently obtained, and I am determined not to pay the same, unless compelled by law.

January 16 1786. ¶ MOSES DUNLAP.

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Poor Richard's Almanack,

For the YEAR of our LORD 1786.

American blistered STEEL,

Warranted equal in quality to the best steel imported from England, to be sold for the very low price of Fifty Pounds per ton, by J. NANCARROW and W. MATLACK, under the firm of NANCARROW and MATLACK, at John Helling's stores on Stamper's wharff, and in Second-street, between Race and Vine-streets; by Greenfield and Humphreys, on Chesnut-street wharff; by Casper Singer and Sons, in Market-street, between Third and Fourth-streets; at Benjamin Davies's, ironmonger, in Arch-street, between Front and Second-streets; and at Michael Gunkle's store, the north-east corner of Race and Fourth-streets.

THE great encouragement the said John Nancarrow has heretofore met with by the large quantities of steel he has made at Philadelphia and Trenton, previous to, and during the war, has induced the said Nancarrow and Matlack to inform the public in general, and their friends in particular, that they intend carrying on the steel trade in a very extensive manner, and that no pains shall be spared to render their steel worthy of the character given it; their process being in all respects the same as that of the most celebrated manufactories in Great-Britain. Philadelphia. 11th Month 30th, 1785. cf.

State Lottery Tickets

for Sale at the New Printing-Office.

PRIMITIVE WHIG. No. III.

——Dum recitas, incipit esse tuus. MART.

COULD petitions change the immutable nature of things, they ought to have greater weight with all American Legislatures than many of them have frequently deserved. Nothing is more easy than to procure petitions for any measure in which the petitioners themselves are self-interested, be the operation of that measure ever so injurious to the general weal of their country; and I will venture to say, that every petition which will be laid before our Legislature in February next for the emission of a paper currency, when stripped of the plausible guise in which it is dressed, and reduced to the real and native ideas secretly intended to be conveyed, will only amount to, and ought, in all honesty, to run in the form following:

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and Assembly of the state of New-Jersey, in General-Assembly convened.

The PETITION of the subscribers, inhabitants of the county of ——

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your petitioners, induced by the laudable example of your Honours predecessors, then Legislators of this happy state (forever revered be their precious memories) to enable unfortunately profligate debtors to discharge their contracts with a fortieth part of their real amount, did not concieve ourselves obliged to appropriate the punishment inflicted upon, Adam, *to eat bread in the sweat of his face*, which seemeth to us rather inconsistent with the dignity of members of a free sovereign, and independent state. That from this honorable principle, a principle naturally interwoven with the idea of a republican government (in which there ought to be a community of goods, and the poorer sort to live upon the industry of the richer, till all is reduced to a perfect equality) your petitioners, instead of the drudgery congenial to the slaves of arbitrary monarchies, have hitherto preferred the borrowing of money, and otherwise running in debt, to the ignominious humiliation of working with their own hands. That being by those means, involved in debt, they are cruelly threatened with law-suits, which will prove doubly afflictive, as not only tending to compel the payment of the debt, but as superadding to it certain costs for the detention. Indeed your honors predecessors have so far anticipated our humble desires in the last particular, as to charge the plaintiffs with the chief expence of every prosecution. This was a blessed Assemly, and the memory thereof is still savoury as the spices of Arabia; and though the lawyers, those crooked serpents in human shape, that will never work without pay, call it *Parliamentum indoctum*, because it was guilty of a few queernesses relative to the practice of the law, yet our school-master, who understands Latin as well as they, declares, that with respect to us, it was *Parliamentum commodum*. But there is still much to be done, may it please your honors, for our perfect and plenary relief. We have still to expend money for procrastinating judgments, for bribing of Sheriffs to delay the final process of law, and for bringing writs of error where no error has been committed. For as the law now stands, we are still ultimately liable to pay our debts without remedy. This, in these hard times, and during such a want of a circulating medium, your honors must be sensible, is an insupportable grievance—a grievance, which, in our opinion, can no otherwise be remedied than by the Honorable Legislatures emitting a paper currency, for the relief of all the citizens of this state in the like deplorable situation with your petitioners. But whereas it has, by some been proposed to issue such bills without making them a legal tender, your humble petitioners beg leave to shew that such a currency would not extricate them from their present difficulties: And whereas it has been proposed by others to make it a tender only for debts hereafter to accrue, and that only according to its depreciation at the time of the tender, your petitioners must beg leave to insist that neither would this prove a remedy adequate to their lamentable situation. It is not posterity that your petitioners have in contemplation—it is themselves. And unless the act petitioned for, operates *ex post facto*, we may as well pay our honest debts without any more ado; and to make good the depreciation; It would ruin us.

Your petitioners thereof humbly pray that your honours will pass a law to shut up the courts of justice for three years from the publication thereof (at the expiration of which we intend to do ourselves the honour of again petitioning for the further silencing of those dreadful engines of compulsion) and also to issue the said paper currency upon such security as you know before-hand that it will infallibly depreciate; and to make it a lawful tender for all debts already contracted at any stage of its depreciation.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Amos Spendthrift,	Jacamiah Putoff,
Josiah Workless,	John Sharper,
John Tipler,	John Sharper, jun.
Wonter Zenderwerke,	John Sharper, the 3d.
Jeremy Grog,	John Sharper, the 4th.
Peter Holiday,	John Sharper, the 5th.
Simon Dreadwork.	Louis Sans-Souci,
James Saunter,	Jerolomen Feartoil,
Obadiah Horserace,	Jo. Lawless,
Paul Ploughless,	Harmanus Nixbotalen,
Hezekiah Dolittle,	Israel Conti,
Isaac Fightcocks,	Christofel Vryman,
Jeronymus Notax,	Jean-Jacques Perruquier,
David Neverpay,	Bartholomew Thoughtless,
Peire Friesur,	James Signaway.

To be SOLD,

A Valuable Plantation and tract of Land, containing 284 acres, situate in the Falls township and county of Bucks, 3 miles from Trenton upper ferry, and 27 from Philadelphia; it has a good stone dwelling house, stone waggon house, a barn, stables, &c. thereon, 100 acres thereof are good timber land, the remainder cleared and meadow; it being the estate of Robert Lucas, late of Bucks county, deceased. Time will be given for the payment of great part of the purchase money; for further particulars enquire of BENJAMIN PITFIELD in Trenton.

If said plantation be not sold at private sale before Wednesday, the first day of March next, it will on that day be exposed to sale by public vendue, on the premises, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when attendance will be given by

BENJAMIN PITFIELD, acting Executor.

Trenton, 10th January, 1786. ¶

TO BE SOLD,

And may be entered on the first of April next,

A PLANTATION or Tract of LAND, situate in Charleston township, in the county of Chester, about two miles above the Valley Forge, containing 235 acres, bounded by lands of William Moore, deceased, Patrick Anderson and others, on which there are erected two dwelling-houses, one of them having two rooms on a floor, a large barn and stabling, with about 16 acres of good meadow watered by a never-failing stream, and more may be made at a small expence; also two good bearing orchards, two spring-houses, with never-failing springs of water, about 70 or 80 acres of good woodland, the remainder good arable and pasture land. Credit will be given for the greatest part of the purchase money. Any person inclining to purchase, is desired to apply to the subscriber, living at the corner of Water and Arch-streets, Philadelphia. PHILIP CARE.

N. B. If not sold before the latter end of March, it will be rented. January 24, 1786. ¶ 6 w.

Copperplate Printing,

In all its different branches, performed by

JOSEPH BROWN,

In Market-street, the second door from Second-street. †

NOTICE is hereby given to James Cox, at Philips's Mill, near Coryell's Ferry, on Delaware, that by virtue of his advertisement in the Gazette of last week, his servant, ELIZABETH EMS, is secured in the workhouse at Philadelphia; he therefore is desired to come, pay charges and take her away.

¶ WILLIAM BROWN.

To be SOLD by private Sale,

THAT new commodious stone Messuage or Tenement and Tavern, known by the sign of the Seven Stars, situate at the fork of the great roads leading to Bristol and Oxford, in the township of Oxford, Philadelphia county, with about 22 acres of Land thereto belonging; there are other convenient buildings on the premises, a pump of excellent water, and a young bearing orchard of the best kind of apples. It is a high and exceeding healthy situation, commands a good prospect, and is very suitable for a tavern, store, or gentleman's country seat. The land is good. Any person inclining to purchase, may view the premises and know the terms, by applying to the subscriber, living on the premises. § GEORGE LESHER.

ELIZABETH Gallagher having assigned over to the subscribers, for the use of her creditors, all and singular her estate real and personal, the assignees give notice to all persons indebted to her and her late husband, Peter Gallagher, deceased, that they pay their respective accounts immediately: And those who have demands against said estate, are requested to send in their accounts properly attested.

FOOTMAN & SHIPPEN,)
Jan. 20th, 1786. HARTSHORN & LARGE,) Assignees.
¶ JAMES C. FISHER.)

WHEREAS a certain JOHN BROWN, of Chester county, has obtained five notes from the subscriber, dated November 14th, 1785, for one hundred pounds, the first payable in May, 1786, and the others yearly, which notes were given as the consideration for a certain tract of land joining Jacob Wagner and Frederick Humbell, and for which he was to make a good and sufficient title; but as a prior right has been laid on the land, I forewarn all persons against taking assignments of the said notes, as I am determined not to pay them. And as the said Brown has in his possession a small piece of writing for a house, I hereby caution all persons from having any thing to do with any writings that he has of mine, as I shall never pay or answer one copper's worth of them. Witness my hand this 13th day of December, 1785. JACOB WAGNER, Sawmiller,

¶ in Green Woods, Cumberland county.

THREE POUNDS Reward.

WAS stolen on the night of the 19th inst. a dun HORSE, six years old, near 15 hands high, white mane and tail, a star in his forehead, newly shod all round with corked shoes, his off hind hoof split, paces and trots; the thief unknown, but there was seen lurking close by in the woods, a man well dressed, about 5 feet 6 inches high, his hair plaited, olive coloured surtout, corduroy vest and breeches, and boots on. Whoever secures the horse, shall have Six Dollars, and for the horse and thief the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by JOHN EGBERT, near Plymouth Meeting, in Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

January 21, 1786. ‡

Lancaster county, November 1, 1785.

CAME to the subscriber, at Wright's Ferry, in October 1783, a red and white spotted heiffer CALF, about 5 or 6 months old, and in September 1785, a brown COW, 9 or 10 years old, with some marks in each ear. The owner or owners, coming, proving property and paying costs, may have them again, by applying to JOSEPH JEFFERIES, at said Ferry. ‡

BROUGHT to the subscriber by a person whose name is WILLIAM WATSON, in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, at Muddy creek, a bay MARE, saddle and bridle, and a great coat. She is supposed to be about 15 hands high, four years old. The owner is desired to come within three weeks from this date, and prove his property, pay charges, and take her away, or she will be sold for the same.

Jan. 23, 1786. ¶ PETER GOOD.

To be SOLD by public Vendue,

On the 11th day of February next, at the house of John Hesser, in Beggarstown, to begin at two o'clock in the afternoon,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION or LOT of LAND, containing 23 acres, between 4 and 5 acres of watered meadow, situate in Cheltenham township, Montgomery county, 9 miles from Philadelphia; there is a good two story stone dwelling-house, with a good spring of water in the cellar, a stone stable, an orchard of good fruit. The above lot joins land of Isaac Cleaver, Anthony Williams, and others, and may be entered on the first of April next. Any person that has a mind to view the above lot, may apply to the subscriber, near the same; late the estate of Jacob Coblentz, deceased; where due attendance will be given, and terms of sale made known, by

¶ BARTHOLOMEW MATHER, Executor.

WHEREAS Jacob Emric and Jacob Beck, of Mount Bethel township, in Northampton county, hath obtained of the subscribers five certain Bonds or obligations, in consideration of them the said Emric and Becks executing certain lands to the subscribers, &c. &c. &c. and whereas the said agreement for which said obligations were delivered, has not as yet been fully complied with on the parts of the said Emric and Beckr: These are therefore to caution and forewarn any person or persons from taking an assignment on the said obligations, or any of them, as we are determined not to pay the same until the said conveyances are fully fulfilled according to agreement.

January 18, 1786. SAMUEL FORSMAN,
§ ASA EVRITT.

BY virtue of a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, on Thursday, the 2d day of February ensuing, at 12 o'clock, A. M. a messuage and tract of land, situate in the township of West-Marlborough, containing 95 acres more or less; bounded by lands of Aaron Baker, the London Tract, Charles Allen and William Chalfant, late the estate of Solomon Harlon; taken in execution at the suit of James Hannum, and to be sold, by

WILLIAM GIBBONS, Sheriff.

Chester, January 17, 1786. ¶

WAS taken up trespassing in the inclosure of the subscriber, in Ridley township, Chester county, the 6th of this instant January, the following creatures, viz. A brown mare colt, with a star in her forehead, supposed to be two years old next spring; likewise a black and white bull, supposed to be four years old next spring. The owner or owners are desired to come, prove their property, pay charges, and take them away.

‡ ABRAHAM TRIMBLE.

WHEREAS the subscriber purchased a plantation of Samuel Byers, of Charleston township, Chester county, for which the subscriber gave the said Byers eight bonds, dated the 1st day of April, 1785; one of them is for 120l. due the 27th of May, 1786; one for 50l. due the 27th of May, 1787; one of 50l. due the 27th of May, 1788; one of 50l. due the 27th of May, 1789; one of 50l. due the 27th of May, 1790; one of 50l. due the 27th of May, 1791; one of 50l. due the 27th of May, 1792; and one of 15l. due the 27th of May, 1793: And whereas there is a defect in the title to said plantation; these are therefore to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on the said bonds, or any of them, as I am determined not to pay the same, unless compelled by law.

¶ ABRAHAM WHISLER,

FOR SALE,

A Stone messuage, grist-mill and plantation or tract of land, situate in Cheltenham township, in the county of Montgomery, about nine miles from Philadelphia, and half a mile from the old York road: The plantation contains between 60 and 70 acres of land, 9 whereof is excellent watered meadow, about 15 of good well timbered woodland, and the rest fine arable land, with about 15 acres of orchard, whereof four are young thriving trees just beginning to bear, the whole in high manure and good fence; the dwelling is a good two story stone house, with two rooms on a floor, and a commodious kitchen, also a waggon and chair-house, a good stone barn with stables at each end, and two good milk-houses with never failing springs, likewise a stone cooper shop and other out houses; the mill is about 60 feet by 40, with two pair of stones, one of which is a pair of excellent French burrs, the other country stones, for which there is a good run of custom, also a rolling screen and fan, with three boulting chests, one of which has two good superfine boulting cloths, the whole of the mill gears in the best of order, the water wheel and forebay new, to which there is a good stream of water with about twenty feet head and fall; it is needless to say any thing about the stand for wheat, as it lies so near the city and in so advantageous a part of the country: The title is indisputable and the terms of payment will be made easy. Any person inclining to purchase, may view the premises by applying to JOHN SHOEMAKER, at his mills in the aforesaid township.

¶ JOHN SHOEMAKER.

P. S. If the said mills and place are not sold before the first of March next, they will be rented. Enquire as above.

To be RENTED,

And entered on early the ensuing Spring,

A FORGE, Rolling and Slitting Mills, on Brandywine, near the town of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware. Apply to JOB HARVEY, in Wilmington, or the subscribers, in Philadelphia.

RUMFORD DAWES,
¶6w ABIJAH DAWES.
1st month 17th, 1786.

TO BE SOLD,

PURSUANT to the last will and testament of William Bidgood, late of Bristol township, and county of Bucks, in Pennsylvania, deceased,

THAT valuable Plantation and excellent Farm, whereon the aforesaid deceased lately lived, situate in Bristol township aforesaid, about 22 miles from Philadelphia, and 3 from the borough of Bristol, and within two miles of a good landing, on Delaware river, containing 226 acres of land; the plough land is of a good soil for grain or grass, a large proportion of excellent meadow, with a sufficient quantity of wood land well timbered; a good stone dwelling house two stories high, pleasantly situated on the same, a good kitchen, a well of good water under a shed near the kitchen door, a spring house at a small distance from the dwelling house, a good frame barn, waggon-house, stables and barracks; there is also on the premises an excellent apple orchard.

Any person inclining to purchase, may view the premises and know the conditions of sale, by applying to WILLIAM BIDGOOD of Bristol township aforesaid, ROBERT KIRKBRIDE of Plumsted township, or BENJAMIN PALMER of Lower-Makefield, executors.

The 12th of the 1st month, 1786. †

December 23, 1785.

WHEREAS Josias M'Kinnie, who is now deceased, having purchased a tract of land situate in Peter's township, Cumberland county (now Franklin county) and state of Pennsylvania, in the year 1763, from James Garner (who is also deceased) on account of which, said Josias M'Kinnie gave several bonds to the said James Garner, viz. one of one thousand pounds, one of six hundred and fifty pounds, and another bond of six hundred and fifty pounds, all dated in the year 1763 aforesaid. And the said James Garner having become bound at the same time to the said Josias M'Kinnie to make him a good deed for said land, on the payment of one thousand pounds: And whereas the said Josias M'Kinnie has not only paid one thousand pounds, but eighteen hundred and eleven pounds five shillings for said land, but has not yet got a deed for it. And whereas the heirs or executors of said James Garner (in our opinion) cannot give a deed for said land according to contract: Therefore this is to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on any of the said bonds, as we the subscribers, executors to the estate of the said Josias M'Kinnie, are determined not to pay them, or any part thereof, until compelled thereto by law.

¶ WALTER M'KINNIE,)
SAMUEL PATTON,) Executors.

THE subscriber, at his Manufactory at the Draw-bridge, manufactures and sells, at Wholesale and Retail, the different qualities of MUSTARD. He will take Mustard-seed in exchange, or give for it 32*s.* per bushel, or 1*s.* per quart, dry measure. The same prices will be given by any of the undermentioned gentlemen, viz.

ISRAEL WHELEN, WHARTON AND EDWARDS, EZRA JONES, LEONARD DORSEY, AMOS WICKERSHAM, FISHER & ROBERTS, Philadelphia—And HESTON & CARPENTER, Cooper's Ferry. JOSEPH FEW.

Philadelphia, December 13th. t.b.c.t.f.

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